This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.



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FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

1	Application No.	09/988,259				
	Filing Date	November 19, 2001				
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	Examiner Name					
	Atty Docket No.	1232-4785				

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Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114									
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		ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on Other:							
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ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)									
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a.	a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)								
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Fees The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed									
a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500,									
i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §.1.17(e)									
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17) iii. Other									
b.	b. Check in the amount of \$770.00 enclosed.								
c. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 Order No. 1232-4785									
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